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1. Reference is made to LSA 256, Subject: British Interest in Jewish Emigration. The chief of CIB, G-2 USFA, was recently approached by Colonel HAMBLIN, British Army, Chief of Frontier Control, GSIB, Headquarters BTA, in order "to exchange information as to the illegal migration of Jews from Balkan countries into the Allied Occupied Zones of Austria and Germany". Colonel HAMBLIN was told, that as far as the U.S. authorities were concerned, there was no illegal entry as the U.S. authorities do not hold any frontier with any Balkan country, however, that there was some policy by UNRRA and other humanitarian organizations to house, feed and expedite the transit of such Jewish refugees who would report to a Jewish DP camp in Austria. The subject of this conversation, at which DD 110 assisted as a sort of advisor, was pressed forcefully by the British officer who wanted to take up official liaison for the exchange of intelligence concerning illegal Jewish emigration and proposed to place at the CIB's disposal a British officer for intelligence collecting on the above-said movements. On the advice of DD 110, no official commitments have been made.

2. Continuing their policy to break any organization connected with illegal Jewish emigration, and being of the opinion that the Jewish Brigade in Italy and Austria or any former member thereof is a potential collaborator of this movement, Headquarters CIB, British Army, has issued an order that all members of the British Armed Forces of Palestinian origin will be discharged in the British Discharge Center in Milan and returned to Palestine by the shortest route. This discharge plan has received immediate execution and daily Palestinians in the British Army are being discharged. This will occasion a certain number of gaps in the cadre of the present British Forces in Austria as the best and perhaps the only good interpreters the British Army has in Austria, either in the headquarters or in the FSS are now being returned to their homeland. Any Palestinian who wishes to be discharged locally has to sign a declaration whereby he renounces all claims for food, shelter or protection from the British Forces while outside Palestine.

3. CONDUCTOR who is well informed on the two matters mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 has decided that from now on

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none of his emigration movements will pass over British territory from Hungary or Rumania, that the DP camp in Villach will be closed, further that none of his messengers will work in emigration movements in the British Zone or over the Hungaro-Austrian frontier or the Austro-Italian frontier. He is also considering the recruiting of a certain number of locally discharged Palestinians who are willing to join this movement. Needless to say, the discharge of Palestinians will deprive him of his most precious and strategically placed contacts in the British headquarters.

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